



*Our mission is to welcome everyone to God's House of Worship in the Heart of Bethel. We are committed to active spirituality, Bible-based learning applied to everyday life, and service to our brothers and sisters in communities near and far.*

## The Heart Beat

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Weekly Illuminations and Inspirations

April 16, 2017

### Church Person(s) of the Week

We want to thank Jessica Bardelli for her tremendous work and dedication as our Choir Director especially during this busy season of Easter. We also want to thank our amazing choir and musicians for all their dedication to our music program. They are truly a blessing to our church.

### Today's Worship Assistants:

**Communion Stewards 9:00am: (set-up and serve):** Erin Volpintesta, Farrah Volpintesta

**Communion Stewards 9:00am (serve and clean-up):** David McClain, Rosie Volpintesta

**Communion Stewards 11:00am (set-up and serve):** Peter Philip, Marty Bishop

**Communion Stewards 11:00am (serve and clean-up):** Rachel Parille, Kristi Parille

**Counter 9:00am:** Tracy Brown & Krista Mayer

**Counter 11:00am:** Janette Blackstock & Dave Albin

**Greeters: 9:00am:** Betty Lepus & Linda Bruce

**Greeters: 11:00am:** Family Worship

**Ushers 9:00am:** Tammy Esposito, Joe Benner, Krista Mayer, Lee Griswold

**Ushers 11:00am:** Paul McHugh, Alan Brown

**Nursery @ 11:00am:** Tracy Brown

For the convenience of those who wish to cleanse their hands after exchanging signs of peace and before handling the communion elements, there are alcohol gel pumps available.

**Lost and Found:** please check the rack near the side entry, or the small basket on the shelf in the church office.

### Quote for the week:

God has given us two hands - one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing. Billy Graham

**Restrooms:** The restrooms are located through the side door on the right of the sanctuary, go through both doors and make a left then a quick right. They are towards the end of the hallway on the right. Each restroom is equipped with a commode.

**Prayer List:** If you would like to receive the prayer list, or add someone, please contact **Audrey Stejskal at [arstejskal@aol.com](mailto:arstejskal@aol.com)**

**Nursery Care:** The nursery (for ages 3 and under) is located in the Education wing just before the bathrooms on the right!

### **This Week's BUMC Calendar:**

Sunday	04/16	9:00am Easter Worship 11:00am Easter Family Service (childcare available at 11:00)
Monday	04/17	
Tuesday	04/18	7:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	04/19	
Thursday	04/20	6:30pm Bells 7:30pm Choir
Friday	04/21	
Saturday	04/22	
Sunday	04/23	8:30am & 10:00am Worship Confirmation Sunday 5:00pm Sunday Night Live Worship

### **Coming Events:**

Blood Drive 10/12



### Daffodils for sale

Bouquets of daffodils, 1 dozen \$5.00. To benefit the front yard landscape project. Call Alice 203-748-2774

In order to keep our services flowing, Council is asking that no unscheduled announcements be made from the floor during service. Pastor John will no longer be asking for additional announcements. If you need to have something announced to the congregation, you must give it to Pastor John before service and then he will call upon you. Council is also asking that only church related items are announced in service. You are free to send any announcements to the office for publication in the Heartbeat.

### **Education Committee Meeting**

The first meeting of the new Education Committee will be **April 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in Room 201. Interested non-committee members are also welcome.

### **Confirmation Sunday**

Please plan to attend our special service of confirmation on April 23 at 10:00 am. We will be confirming 18 young adults as they begin their own journey of faith. We will honor and bless them as well as their hardworking mentors.

### **UMW News**

Knives, Forks and Spoons: We are collecting miscellaneous flatware for Off the Streets through the month of April. There is a box in the Narthex or they can be left in Mitchell Hall next to the Boxtops for Education basket.

**April 24** – UMW Meeting at 7:30 with a Workshop on Welcoming the Disabled to Church. How do we rate?

**April 26** - The Prayer Shawl group continues to meet at 7 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. All who like or want to learn crochet or knitting are welcome. They meet in the Johnson Building alcove. Contact Linda Bruce for more information.

**May 6,13,20,27** – Women in the Bible – Bible Study lead by Marty Bishop Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00 am.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Looking ahead: Vacation Bible School is **July 31<sup>st</sup>** through **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Save the Date!!!! Anyone interested in helping out, please leave your name and contact information on the church office desk.

### **Next Blood Drive**

Our next blood drive will be Oct 12 1:00-6:00.

### **Outreach update**

We told the congregation about a family who has 5 children and they are sleeping on air mattresses. We collected \$286 to put toward bunk beds and mattresses from Walmart that will be delivered to this family. We also contributed some new towels and washcloths as well as gently used towels and sheets.

Also for the "Days for Girls" project we collected: 13 boxes of ziplock bags, 32 hotel soaps, 73 washcloths, 32 material pieces and 1 large thread. Thanks to all who helped with both these requests.

### **Support Meetings / Groups Held at BUMC**

AA Meetings are held Sunday @ 7:30pm, Monday @ 6:00pm, Thursday @ 7:30 pm, Friday @ 7:30 pm and Saturday @ 8:00 pm.

Family & Friends Group – Support Group for Family & Friends who have a loved one suffering from the disease of addiction and/or alcoholism meets Tuesday @ 7:00 pm

Additional Support Group: "Over-eaters Anonymous" contact Chris at 203-942-3986 for more information.

### **Red Bird Mission**

The UMW collects **Campbell's labels** and **Boxtops for Education** for the **Red Bird**. Please cut the bar code labels as we only need the bar codes. There is a small basket on the counter in Mitchell Hall for the labels.

### **Need activity space?**

Mitchell Hall: \$180 for 4 hrs including set up time, (Pledging Members: \$51.00 – tax deductible donation). \$51.00 for partial Kitchen use (refrigeration and warming of meals), There is also a \$75 refundable deposit in case of damage to the room or in case professional cleaners have to be called in. Rm. 201: \$15.50 hr

### **Food Pantry**

Please remember the basket (by the front door) for food donations for the Bethel Community Food Pantry located right here @ our church.

The flowers on the altar are for sale after the service. They are \$7.00 or \$10.00 with the vase. Please see Alice Mayer. The proceeds this year will go toward landscaping the front lawn.